

Adam Lynn House  
104 S. St. Asaph Street  
Alexandria  
Virginia

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Location: 104 S. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, Virginia

Present Owner: Demolished after 1969 by the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority as part of an urban renewal project in the old commercial center of Alexandria.

Statement of Significance: This building, although architecturally much more modest than the other three owned by or associated with Adam Lynn fronting King Street (see HABS reports VA-676, VA-686, VA-687), represents the considerable real estate activities of the successful Alexandrian.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

## 1. Date of erection: circa 1815-1816

Adam's sister Catharine Coryton was also left the lot of ground on which this building was erected. Catharine and her husband conveyed this lot to her sister Ann Buckland on May 13, 1801, for \$300. On April 15, 1805, Ann deeded the lot to her brother Adam for \$250. On February 10, 1819, Lynn conveyed the lot to Ann for \$1,350, "together with the buildings and all appurtenances whatsoever." Adam Lynn may have built this house at the time he built 532 King Street, adjoining to the north. The land parcels for both buildings may once have joined but there are other buildings now separating these houses.

## 2. Architect: Unknown

## 3. Original and subsequent owner: Adam Lynn was the original owner of the structure; his sister Ann Buckland the second. Subsequent owners are unknown.

## B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure:

This building shares the same history of Adam Lynn, Jr. that is detailed in the HABS report on Adam Lynn House (VA-676).

C. Sources of Information:

See sources for the Adam Lynn House (HABS report VA-676).

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

This modest brick building was situated along a predominantly residential street and just off the main commercial thoroughfare of King Street. It was devoid of the architectural detailing of Lynn's other houses and was likely intended to house a less affluent proprietor.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: Two stories, two bays with a two-story ell at the rear.
2. Wall construction, finish and color: Brick, common bond.
3. Chimneys: Single interior chimney on north side.
4. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: The entrance abuts almost immediately the sidewalk and is to the right of the two-bayed building. A simple rectangular transom crowns the door.
  - b. Windows and shutters: The windows have flat brick arches and simple stone sills. The double hung sash and modillioned cornice are likely of a more recent vintage.
5. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: Gable roof
  - b. Cornice, eaves: The original cornice is covered by one of pressed metal.

C. Site:

General setting and orientation: The structure faces westward on St. Asaph's Street and sits flush with the other commercial buildings to the north. It is separated from the residential areas of St. Asaph's Street to the south by a parking lot.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken in 1968 to document the commercial and residential buildings of downtown Alexandria which were to be demolished in an urban renewal project. The project was cosponsored by the Historic Alexandria Foundation and the Historic American Buildings Survey. Mrs. Hugh B. Cox was the historian and George Eisenman supplied the photographs. The material was edited and updated in 1975 by Antoinette J. Lee. working on contract for HABS.